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100 SASKATOON BERRY BUSHES PLANTED IN REGINA

Today, Mayor Jim Madden, members of the Citizen's Centennial Committee, and over 40 grade six students from Saskatoon joined with Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco and over 40 grade six students from Regina to plant 100 Saskatoon Berry bushes in Les Sherman Park in recognition of Regina's 100th anniversary year.

On behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon, Mayor Madden issued the following statement:

Thank you Dr. Clark, Mayor Fiacco, members of each City's Centennial Committee, students from Regina and Saskatoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for coming out to not only celebrate Regina's proud history, but to be a part of that history.

Many years ago, around the same time John Lake and the temperance colonists were looking to settle on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River, the first settlers set up camps near the present site of Wascana Lake. With perseverance, each of these tiny settlements grew over the years until, in June of 1903, Regina became a city – a full two years before our province was given official status.

Since that time, Saskatoon and Regina have been growing together. Over the years, we have shared much more than the highway that connects us. We have shared tough times - we have shared in prosperity. We have shared our land - the prairies - and our connection to it.

We have a strong and common bond. And, as our respective histories are intertwined, so too are our futures. We must continue to feed the strong connection between our two great cities because, as our provincial motto notes: "From many people comes strength."

And so today we bring Saskatoon to Regina, to make note of this connection, and to celebrate her 100th anniversary of incorporation as a city.

What is a city? Well, a city is more than roads and streetlights. A city is families to house and feed; children to educate; men and women to employ and transport. A city is businesses to build and profits to be made; culture and recreation to be enjoyed; opportunities to be realized. But more important than anything, a city is people. And it is the people that make Regina a great

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city.

Regina is beautiful and vibrant. Her citizens are warm, caring, and forward-looking. Regina, you have accomplished so much over the past 100 years, and your future is bright.

And so, I couldn't be more delighted to be here with students from the cities of Saskatoon and Regina – representing our future, in the celebration of our past.

These Saskatoon Berry trees are symbols of our valued connection to our neighbours - our family - and a small token of our appreciation. To the citizens of Regina and the students joining us today, these trees will grow as you will grow, as your friendships grow, as our communities will grow. And, it is far too good of play on words not to say that this gift will "bear fruit" for generations to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite Regina to Saskatoon in three short years, in 2006, to help Saskatoon celebrate her centennial year.

Until then and, on behalf of the citizens of Saskatoon, let it be known that, I love Regina!

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